

2004 FFA Hall of Fame Inductee

George L. Johnson

George L. Johnson graduated from Baraboo High School in 1946 and studied Agriculture Education at the University of Wisconsin – Madison where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree and later a master's degree.

Mr. Johnson taught high school agriculture classes for two years at St. Croix Falls and thirty-seven years at Mt. Horeb High School. Mr. Johnson received a Ford Foundation Scholarship in 1955, and traveled to twenty states to study pre-service and in-service training of high school agriculture instructors.

Two former high school students have followed his footsteps and are teaching in Wisconsin high schools. Notable programs innovated during his teaching career include a work experience program for Japanese students, one of Wisconsin's first Hunter Safety courses, a pheasant raising and release program and community recycling programs.

Mr. Johnson served a number of years as president of the Mt. Horeb Education Association and the West Dane County Teachers Association. Mr. Johnson received Chapter, State, and National Honorary FFA Degrees, and awards including the Dane County Agriculture Teachers Association Achievement Award, National FFA Distinguished Service Award, 25 Year Hunter Safety Instructor Award and the University of Wisconsin's Teacher of Teachers Award.

Mr. Johnson and his wife, Bernie, reside in Mt. Horeb where they spend much time with their family and friends. George is active in the local FFA and FFA Alumni programs, and continues to pursue his lifelong loves of hunting, fishing, and gardening.